

## **William B. Tirrell, Sr.**

### **Biography**

**William B. “Bill” Tirrell, Sr.**, a resident of Herndon since 1978, was first elected to the Herndon Town Council in 1990 and is currently serving his eighth term. He currently serves as chairman of the Joint Communications Committee of the Town Council and Planning Commission and as a town representative on an Inter-Jurisdictional Committee with Fairfax County. He is also an alternate representative to the Northern Virginia Transportation Association Planning Coordination Advisory Committee.

Prior to his service on the council, Tirrell served on the Architectural Review Board (1985-1987) and the Board of Zoning Appeals (1987-88). He was also a member of the Herndon Planning Commission (1988 – 90), a post to which he was reappointed in 2002 and held until 2006. As a member of the council and as a Planning Commission member, he chaired the town’s Zoning & Subdivision Ordinance Revision Project Advisory Committee (2001-04). He was a member of the Fairfax County Government Committee (1992-94) and the finance steering committee of the Virginia Municipal League (1999-2000).

Tirrell’s community involvement includes former membership in the Greater Herndon Jaycees and active membership in the Optimist Club of Herndon; Council for the Arts of Herndon; Friends of Runnymede Park; American Legion Post 184 (charter member); Sister Cities International of the Herndon Area, Inc. (president, 1993-94); Herndon Community Television; Powhatan Boy Scout District Committee of the National Capital Area Council (District chair, 1999-2002 and recipient, James E. West Fellowship and Silver Beaver Award, 2005); and the Sterling, VA, Chesterbrook Academy PTA. He is a graduate of the Herndon Neighborhood College and the Herndon Citizens Police Academy and was a professional umpire with the Northern Virginia Baseball Umpires Association.

Charitable organizations in which Tirrell has been involved include the Spina Bifida Association of the Tri-State Region and the Spina Bifida Association of America (national board chairman, 1997-98); America’s Charities; and the Dare to Care Charities, which encompasses the Camp Virginia Jaycee. In 1999, he was inducted into the Camp Virginia Jaycee Hall of Fame.

Tirrell graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, with a BS degree and received his MS degree in financial management from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. His service as a naval officer from 1968 to 1988 included various duty stations with command at sea. He is a charter member of the Surface Warfare Association, life member of the Naval Institute and the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni and Athletic Associations and a member of the Military Officers Association of America. He has received numerous military awards, including two Meritorious Service Medals, Navy Achievement Medal with Combat V and Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. As a federal employee, he received a Vice Presidential "Hammer" Award for reducing paperwork in government.

Following his military career, Tirrell was a senior analyst at Resource Consultants (1988-90) and director of operations for the Spina Bifida Association of America (1990-91).

Tirrell's wife, Jan, is executive director of HCTV, Herndon Community Television. The Tirrells have two children and six grandchildren and are members of the St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Christian Mission (Antiochian Archdiocese), Centreville, VA, where Tirrell served on the leadership team.